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b. Five boxcars occupied by approximately 150 recruits about 19-years old wearing red-bordered black epaulets, arrived at the ramp of the military railroad station on 29 January 1950. The soldiers without arms and equipment and led by two officers and 3 NCOs, marched to the Hindersin Kaserne.

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c. [] at the tech construction office on 28 January 1950 [] a division ration supply point [] was in Altos Lager.

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d. Four rocket launchers, canvas-covered, were moved from the Landwirtschaftsschule (agricultural school) to the loading ramp of the military railroad station on 4 February 1950. They were loaded on a train, which included a boxcar occupied by troops, and dispatched toward Zossen (N 53/Z 91).

e. An unidentified office was being established in a house on Brueckenstrasse in early February 1950. Small detention rooms were under construction in the first floor. Some officers of the Juckenwalde (N 53/Z 70) kommandatura had arrived.

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f. [] on 6 February 1950 [] the basement rooms of the Pleidorn Kaserne were also occupied by troops.

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g. [] on the same day [] officer candidates were billeted in the Schornhorst House and restricted to quarters.

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h. Reports of medium artillery pieces were frequently heard from the direction of Markendorf (N 52/L 78) on 1 February 1950.

i. Four trucks occupied by troops, three trucks towing 11 guns of about 70 mm caliber and an armored half-track prime mover towing a long-barreled gun of about 120 mm caliber, passed through Juckerbog, heading toward the Bann airfield on 13 February 1950 at about 3:30 p.m.

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j. Liquid from 9 tank trucks was filled into 200-liter barrels at the slaughterhouse on 14 February 1950. The barrels had been hauled through trucks []

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k. About 120 unarmed, 20-year-old soldiers, wearing trunks and rucksacks, marched through Brueckenstrasse to the Fuchsberg Kaserne on 16 February 1950.

l. A new office was being established in the large corner house on Brueckenstrasse on 17 February 1950. The office personnel, commanded by a colonel, arrived from Potsdam (N 53/Z 63), Brandenburg (N 53/Z 23) and Belzig (N 53/Z 30). The office was provided with furniture by the Luckenwalde kommandatura. Truck [] loaded with office equipment, was parked in front of the building.

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m. The Fuchsberg, Bleidorn and Mindersin Kasernes were occupied to capacity between 9 and 19 January 1950. Troops were even quartered in the officers' mess in the Mindersin Kaserne.

n. Trucks carrying ammunition were daily observed coming from the direction of Altes Lager.

o. Fourteen trucks [redacted] each occupied by about 20 [redacted] with full pack and armed with rifles or submachine guns, left the Landwirtschaftsschule on 20 February 1950 and headed toward Millionenbruecke.

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Two trucks towed mortars with about 0.5-meter-long barrels and 4 trucks field kitchens. It was learned that the column, including an ambulance car, moved to the Kloster Jinna (W 53/ E 69) - Herder (W 53/E 79) area where the troops practiced up to 23 February 1950.

p. Forty soldiers, mostly NCOs, arrived in Jueterbog aboard the regular train from Posen on 21 February 1950. The soldiers, carrying suitcases but no arms, rode toward Altes Lager on two trucks.

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s. It was learned between 20 February and 2 March 1950 that the office recently established on Brueckenstrasse has special functions and would be in Jueterbog only temporarily. The office had no connection with other units and included a colonel, a lieutenant colonel, three majors, three first lieutenants and one second lieutenant.

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passenger cars [redacted] were repeatedly observed in the yard of the building. The basement windows had crossbars. [redacted] charwomen, though all SED members, were given notice to prevent any espionage activity.

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t. All depots in the Jueterbog area are subordinate to Maj Tolstikov, as [redacted] early March 1950.

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u. Increased activity of plain-clothes and officer patrols was observed after about 20 February 1950.

2. The following information was obtained in the Jueterbog area between 9 and 19 February 1950:

a. Driving practice with open training tanks was daily conducted at the Forester's house near the Gruenau loading ramp.

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b. A freight train about 30 cars, including two flatcars loaded with canvas-covered tanks and three flatcars loaded with guns of about 150 mm caliber, was on the shunting trucks on 10 February 1950.

c. A train of 21 boxcars occupied by troops passed through Juckerbog toward Falkenberg (452/174) on 12 February 1950. 50X1-HUM

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Comment:

a. Troops.

(1) The Justerboog kasernes mentioned (Turn, Bleidorn, Hinderlin and Luchsberg kasernes and the kaserne on Kapellenberg) are primarily occupied by component units of the 14th Gds Mezz Div (Cadre)

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(2) [redacted] rocket launcher unit, presumably the ? Ho RL Bn (Cadre) of the 14th gds Lecz Div (Cadre), in the Landwirtschaftsschule.

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(3) The soldiers observed marching to Hindersin and Fuchsberg kasernes were presumably recruits, probably inducted in the Fall of 1949 and, after being trained for several months in the Soviet Union, moved to Jueterbog in January and February 1950.

(4) The repeatedly mentioned office on Brueckenstrasse may be a central SCC office, possibly combining several offices (kommandaturas) of the former GMA, or a high-level MGB office, as indicated by the strict security measures and the observed construction of cells (prison).

(5) The report on lively gun fire from the direction of Markendorf leads to the assumption that small-scale practices probably by units of the Jueterbog military post, were conducted in the Werder-Markendorf training area in early 1950.

(6) The report indicates that the units may still include some personnel of the 1925 class. It has been assumed that the mass of the 1925 class was demobilized after the 1949 fall maneuvers.

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